

## RICH, RACY READING

### THE DISPENSARY PROBE BRINGS OUT SOME INTERESTING FACTS

The commission appointed by the last general assembly to investigate the late State Dispensary and all the scandals, charges of corruption and graft on the part of any and all who have ever been connected with it including the present governor and other State officials and previous winding-up commissions, held a meeting in Columbia Thursday 7th instant, and began their investigation. From press dispatches of the proceedings we take the following:

#### GOVERNOR SAYS NOTHING.

On opening the investigation Chairman Carlisle stated that Governor Bleasdale had been notified by the marshal that the committee would sit at noon Thursday and that it would be glad to hear anything that he would care to tell concerning the late dispensary's affairs. Governor Bleasdale sent back the answer that he had made all communications that he desired to make to the committee in his message last year and that he did not care to be bothered any more about the matter.

Two witnesses were sworn—Former Governor John Gary Evans and Attorney General Lyon. The principal testimony of general interest was to the effect that Governor Bleasdale's charge that an agreement had been made between John Gary Evans, H. H. Evans, Thos. B. Felder and Attorney General Lyon was false. It was branded by both witnesses as absolutely without truth.

Mr. John Gary Evans of Spartanburg, former governor of the State, was the first witness before the investigating committee. He was asked by Senator Clifton if he knew anything of any agreement made in Atlanta between J. G. Evans, H. H. Evans, Attorney General Lyon, T. B. Felder, and Evans replied that there was no foundation in fact for the statement that an agreement of such a nature and been made. He branded as false any such statement. Governor Bleasdale had said that such an agreement had been made.

Mr. Evans said he had never seen any of those gentlemen outside of the State and that none of these gentlemen had ever talked with him as to their connection with the former State dispensary. He had never had any conference with Felder and he did not know what Governor Bleasdale's intention was in making a statement of such nature as that concerning the alleged agreement.

Mr. Evans stated that he had had a conversation with Felder on a passenger train and that Felder had said he could give Attorney General Lyon evidence that would lead to the conviction of whiskey men and others who had grafted on the State dispensary. Mr. Evans said that he had later told Mr. Lyon of Felder's statements and that Mr. Lyon had said he would communicate with Mr. Felder. Such communication later was made.

Attorney General Lyon was the next witness. He also denied Governor Bleasdale's accusation in regard to the alleged J. G. Evans-H. H. Evans-Felder-Lyon agreement. He said: "There is no color of truth or foundation in fact for the governor's statement that such an agreement had been made." He further said he did not know what the governor's intention was in making such a statement. He stopped it was a "falsehood of his own imagination."

In referring to the matter against H. H. Evans of Newberry, Mr. Lyon said that he had evidence that would lead to the conviction of Mr. Evans for graft in connection with the dispensary.

Mr. Lyon stated that he had been in Atlanta about 2-1/2 years ago and that Felder had said that H. H. Evans had told him that he could give evidence that would lead to the conviction of persons in connection with the dispensary. Felder had then told Mr. Lyon that he

believed H. H. Evans would confess that he had grafted on the dispensary. Mr. Lyon said that he saw H. H. Evans in Mr. Felder's office, but Mr. Evans would not talk of his connection with the dispensary. He said, however, that he could give the attorney general a tip that would lead to graft prosecution.

Attorney General Lyon told the committee that if H. H. Evans would go on the stand and tell all he knew of the graft cases he would be willing to give him full immunity.

Mr. Lyon stated that he had received no money from any firm or individual in connection with any graft prosecution and for all moneys he had received there were vouchers in the hands of the "Murray" winding-up commission. He said that Governor Bleasdale had no evidence that would lead to his statement as to receiving any money in such connection.

#### MR. LYON SAYS NOTHING.

Mr. Lyon said that if Governor Bleasdale had any evidence against any member of any dispensary board and could produce it, he would take steps toward the prosecution of that person. He said that if it was generally rumored about the State, such having been intimate, that Felder had paid relatives on dispensary sales, he knew nothing of it and he would be glad to know it.

#### FRIDAY'S WORK.

The dispensary investigation committee continued its work Friday and had several witnesses before them, some of whom were members of the Ansel Winding-up Commission. Space prevents us giving in detail their testimony, but for the benefit of our readers some of the things said are here given.

#### MR. J. S. BRUCE SAYS.

The second witness of the day was J. Steele Bruce of Yorkville and a member of the Ansel Winding-up Commission. He gave his opinion of the governor in plain words, stating what he had said of the chief executive just before one of the meetings.

"So far as I am concerned the charges of Gov. Bleasdale are false and they are outrageous."

"So far as I know the charges of Governor Bleasdale against the other members of the commission are equally so."

Mr. Bruce did not mince his words. He said that prior to a meeting of the Ansel board, he had stated: "I consider Bleasdale the worst man who has been in the Governor's chair since Franklin J. Moses sat there. He was not in sympathy with the work of the commission, his sympathies being altogether with the liquor business and the men who had gotten graft out of the State dispensary." Gov. Bleasdale in his message last year had charged that the Ansel board feared Mr. Bleasdale's alleged sympathy with the grafters. Mr. Bruce said: "If you call that fear, that's the truth and said it at the meetings of the board."

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Adding as reasons for his belief that the governor was on the side of the grafters, Mr. Bruce said: "In the senate when the proposition was made to appropriate \$15,000 for the prosecution of these men for stealing the money, he resisted it in every possible way."

#### MR. W. J. MURRAY.

Referring to the insinuations by the governor as to the incompetency of the commission and that graft had been practiced in the matter of railway fares and street car and hack fares, Mr. Murray said: "The man who makes the insinuations is not fit to brush our shoes."

Another question asked in the message of the governor was whether Bleasdale had been discussed at a meeting of the commission and that fear was expressed as to his administration. "In the first place," said Dr. Murray, "Bleasdale was not discussed at any of the meetings. In the second place he was not worthy to be discussed, and, last if the governor had been discussed it would not have been in executive session. We would have discussed him most certainly in public session."

"I am glad to explain the question as to the disposition of the alcohol as it reflects directly upon me," said Dr. Murray.

"When we took charge of the affairs of the dispensary we found over 10 barrels of alcohol. The stuff had been purchased for \$215 a gallon. The same price was realized. Some of the stuff was sold to the Murray Drug Company, some to the Evans and Foster company of Columbia, and some to the Georgia company of Charleston. The companies for the alcohol were paid for all three of the companies." He was asked as to the regular price of alcohol at that time. Dr. Murray submitted a telegram from a Baltimore firm showing the price to be the same. He showed written testimony and the report of the old dispensary commission that the State received the exact amount for the alcohol as was paid for it in the market.

#### MR. JOHN MCGOWEN.

"There is not a dollar of tainted money in the pockets of any one of them," said Mr. McGowen in referring to the charge of misappropriation brought by the governor against the members of the commission.

"We are ready for the governor or any one else to search the bottom," he continued, "and we don't fear the governor or any one else."

"The next meeting of the commission, just before the elections," said Mr. McGowen, "we decided to throw up the claim of the Bleasdale Distilling company, which amounted to \$500,000. Before the governor was elected the owners of the company or their representatives agreed to pay \$183,000 to settle the claim. The deal was approved, and the company was paid."

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## A BALD-HEADED WOMAN

Shorn of Her Crown of Beauty, Loses in Love and Marriage

Hair is certainly most necessary to woman. Who could love and marry a bald-headed woman? What charms could one array to offset such a disfigurement?

A woman's goal is usually love and marriage. Her crowning glory is her hair. The loss of her hair mars her beauty, happiness and success. Yet, right here in Pickens, there are hundreds of women who are neglecting or injuring their hair to such an extent that it is only a matter of time when it will be utterly ruined.

Many women destroy the beauty of their hair through thoughtlessness or ignorance of certain facts. They use curling irons over-heated, or to excess, which destroys the natural oil of the hair, causing it to split, break, and come out. They do not shampoo their hair often enough, or too often. They use soaps or preparations which contain ingredients positively harmful to the scalp and hair.

As a result of such treatment, dandruff is created, the hair loosens, loses color, falls out, and baldness commences, unless proper and prompt precautions are taken in time. Then again, microbes and certain diseases bring about unhealthy scalp and hair conditions.

Almost any woman may rid herself of dandruff and diseased scalp and hair if she will but use the right remedy. We have that remedy, and we will positively guarantee that it will cure dandruff and baldness or it will not cost the user anything.

That's a pretty broad statement, but we will back it and prove it with our own money. We will return your money if you do not find that Rexall "33" Hair Tonic is an entirely satisfactory remedy that will promote hair growth and overcome scalp and hair troubles; that it will grow hair even on bald heads, unless all life in the hair roots has been extinguished, the follicles closed, and the scalp is glazed and shiny. It gets its name from the fact that it grew hair in 93 out of 100 cases, where it received a thoroughly hard, impartial, and practical test.

We want you to try Rexall "33" Hair Tonic at our risk. You surely cannot lose anything by doing so, while you have everything to gain. You had better think this over, and then come in and see us about this offer. You will be well repaid for your visit to our store. Remember, you can get Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—the Rexall Store. Pickens Drug Co.

In courtship many a man fails to land on his feet until he has fallen on his knees.

## Special Court at Anderson.

A special term of the court of general sessions has been ordered by Gov. Bleasdale for the trial of William Reed, the negro held in jail here on the charge of having attempted to commit criminal assault upon the wife of a well-known farmer living about eight miles south of the city. The court will convene on the 1st of April, and continue in session for so long a time as is necessary.—Daily Mail.

## Wants Negroes to Have A Part.

The Light, a negro newspaper edited and published in Columbia by negroes says: "We are glad to note that Governor Bleasdale agrees with our position as to the tax fertilizer money, that part of it should go to the negro schools, since negroes use the greater part of the fertilizer." So Governor Bleasdale wants to let the negroes have part of the Clemson fund. This will be news to many of his friends.—Greer News Leader.

## "Old Ten Per Cent."

An exchange, referring to a certain deceased citizen, said in the obituary notice: "We knew him as old Ten Per Cent, the more he had the less he spent; the more he